

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

July 18, 2013

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** **Councilor Chris Case (W5)**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 2, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending July 17, 2013 in the amount of \$ 266,045.53 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 2 – July 17, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office June 10 – July 9, 2013
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of June 2013 in the total amount of \$21,670.68
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 15, 2013
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for May 2013
- Report of the Records Committee meeting held on July 11, 2013
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of June 2013

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 760,047.13 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Tim McCormick** representing the First Weekend Committee spoke about First Weekends and submitted letter of thanks to Council for supporting First Weekends from 2 area businesses. They respectfully ask that the Council consider closing down City Hall Place to Trinity Place.

**Mayor Kasprzak** asked that Tim send something to his office in writing for this request.

**Councilor Tiffer** asked Tim if he was including lower Court Street as well.

**Tim McCormick** said yes.

**Bill Ferris** Big Apple Audio wanted to thank the Council for closing off the streets for First Weekend and requested Council allow him to use a couple of rows of parking spaces in Durkee Street lot for a car show he is hosting on August 3, 2013 during the next First Weekend.

**Mayor Kasprzak** again I can't say yes. These are things we have to have some type of formal discussion on. We have to speak to Department Heads and see if there are any issues. We will consider it but can't give you an answer right now.

**Bob Smith** 23 Concord Avenue congratulated the Council for making some decisions with an open mind about giving these things a chance. While he doesn't have a horse in this race since his business is in the town it is very vital for this community to have a vibrant and exciting downtown. Your efforts to assist this in any way you can is greatly appreciated by all of us and also the Vision2Action movement.

**John Ducatte** owns a house in the city and works for the city. He sent the Council a proposal on the marina. He's done a lot of research and has been in this business his whole life. He was in the United States Coast Guard. I just wanted to make it known that there is more than just the option of leasing that property out. It's much more beneficial for the City to make money and have the money pay for itself down there. Instead of



just looking at the one proposal from Navtours look at the whole picture of what really benefits the city especially since it's our last prime lake front property and it can make money for the city.

**Mayor Kasprzak** explained to everyone in the audience in case they didn't know John had sent the Mayor and Council a letter which provided us some options with mooring revenues, dock revenues and long term the numbers were very solid and he was not doing that for any other reason than he's been in the business. And he thought it should have been an option for the city to seriously consider like we considered the other two.

**John Ducatte** said the plan can be tweaked any way the city wants to go about it. But the general roots of that plan guarantees a lot of money for the city and employment.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Jennifer Allen ROTA Gallery & Studios through the Adopt-A-Spot Program to adopt the loop area behind walking rail in Westelcom Park.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract: Hydrogeologic Services – Groundwater Evaluation & Source Development Feasibility Study” be awarded to Hydrosorce Associates of Ashland, NY at a cost not to exceed \$29,800. The source of funds will be Capital Project H8320.73.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid 2013-7-1 “Sale of Surplus Transformers” be awarded to T&R Electric Supply Company at a total cost of \$59,574.38

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** said the word cost is funny because it is actually revenue to us. So it's not a cost

it's a total surplus.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bids for PMLD Bid No. 2013-8-1 "Wooden Utility Poles." Bid opening date: August 19, 2013 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bids for PMLD Bid No. 2013-8-2 "High Voltage Station Service Transformers." Bid opening date: August 6, 2013 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Municipal Lighting Department be permitted to proceed with the write-off of unpaid final bills for the period May 1 to May 31, 2012 in the amount of \$5,800.29. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .56%.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves SUNY Police to divert and direct one-way traffic in a westerly direction (as in past school years) on Rugar St between the Myers Building and Sanborn Ave on August 24, 2013 from 7am to 7pm.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter



Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Department budget revision to transfer \$31,192.56 from 1-312-0000-1100 Regular Pay to 1-312-0000-2300 Motor Vehicles to cover expenses related to the cost of outfitting three new police patrol vehicles received in June of 2013.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2013-02 "Couch Street Reconstruction, William Street - North Catherine Street" be awarded to Luck Brothers Inc. for the lump sum price of \$211,400.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**J. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Engineering agreement for Contract # 2013-12 "Stormwater Conveyance System and Green Infrastructure Planning Project."

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**K. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the proposal from Dr. Jon Mulholland to lease 42 US Oval (Chaplain's Building) for a chiropractic and sports-related medical services practice and that the Mayor has authorization to sign the lease agreement.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the "MEUA Annual Meeting" in Ellicottville, NY from August 20 - 23, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$914.70.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Dr. Paolo Fedi to provide a children's bounce castle on Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the City Parking lot between the Farmers Market and the vacant gas station during the Plattsburgh Farmers market family celebration event.

**Councilor Tiffer added #2:**

2. Request from Tim McCormick and the Downtown Business & Tourist Association request to close lower Court Street and City Hall Place from Bridge to Trinity for the First Weekend events on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 5pm.

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Kasprzak** said the FLW Tournament is here for the weekend if you get a chance go down to the boat landing and take a look. It's a great event for the community. On another note I would like to thank all the appropriate departments and Beth Carlin for their efforts for July 4<sup>th</sup> and Mayor's Cup the weather cooperated we were very fortunate. Between Sunrise Rotary, all of our departments involved and Beth it is a lot of effort and time that the community doesn't understand and I just wanted to thank everybody involved.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:49pm**



Colin,

As I said I would love to go to the meeting tonight but I have a prior commitment. So here is a little letter if you want to read it for me.

To whom it may concern

I would like to express my gratitude for the city counsel allowing First Weekend to shut down parts of City Hall Place for their events. As a small business owner in downtown plattsburgh it is sometimes very difficult to attract new customers. The First weekend event tripled my normal Saturday sales for Mini Moves compared to other Saturdays. I also saw an increase at Smooth Moves as well. I know I am only one business, but the event encompassed many other areas downtown and I see no reason that their business wouldn't have seen increases in sales as well. Please allow the events to happen to attract more people to our wonderful downtown and allow small business to get some much needed revenue through this difficult summer season.

Joe Kovacs

Owner Smooth Moves & Mini Moves.

Hey guys I just wanted to share with you some information from the last first weekend event. On the last first weekend event we at Peabody's maintained our normal Friday business numbers even with the poor weather but on Saturday we saw a 20% increase in our lunch sales and a 33% increase in our over all sales for the same period last year. We have not seen an increase like that on a Saturday in July, with the exception of Mayors Cup weekend in over three years. What I am trying to say is your hard work is paying off and I view these weekends as a success and I see no reason they won't continue to grow and succeed. Thank you for including me and please feel free to share this at the city council meeting. Also Neil mentioned that while the Press Republican has done a great job with advertising it might be worth looking into getting some businesses on board with putting together a small advertising campaign. Thanks Josh

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